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-- U.S. policy critic lawyer Fawziya Al-Sabah editorialized in
moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai under the title "The American Congress
and Bidoon Human Rights" (05/21):

"Those who believe that the Department of State's Human Rights
Reports have no negative effect on political relations are wrong.
These reports have great ramifications on political, economic, and
even military relations with those countries that no matter what
facilities they present to America they remain on one of three
lists."

-- Under the title "Under its own Conditions" conservative Shi'a
critic of U.S. policies Dr. Sami Khalifa commented in moderate
Arabic daily Al-Rai (05/21):

"The interests of the Israeli enemy always come at the top of the
American administration's priorities in the Middle East. Rather, we
can be sure that American plans in the region change periodically to
accommodate and be in tune with Zionist interests."

-- "What to do in light of the expected escalation?" was the title
of liberal Dr. Shamlan Al-Issa's article in conservative Arabic
daily Al-Watan in which he inquired (05/21):

"What will the GCC Countries do in the event of closure by Iran of
the Strait of Hormuz? Are there alternatives to exporting oil other
than through the Strait of Hormuz?"

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